

Minerals Management Service, Interior

§ 250.413

(APD) (see § 250.414(h)). Procedures for obtaining approval are described in section 250.141 of this part.

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§ 250.409 May I obtain departures from these drilling requirements?

The District Supervisor may approve departures from the drilling requirements specified in this subpart. You may apply for a departure from drilling requirements by writing to the District Supervisor. You should identify and discuss the departure you are requesting in your APD (see § 250.414(h)).

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APPLYING FOR A PERMIT TO DRILL

§ 250.410 How do I obtain approval to drill a well?

You must obtain written approval from the District Supervisor before you begin drilling any well or before you sidetrack, bypass, or deepen a well. To obtain approval, you must:

- (a) Submit the information required by § 250.411 through 250.418;
- (b) Include the well in your approved Exploration Plan (EP), Development and Production Plan (DPP), or Development Operations Coordination Document (DOCD);
- (c) Meet the oil spill financial responsibility requirements for offshore facilities as required by 30 CFR part 253; and
- (d) Submit the following forms to the District Supervisor:

- (1) An original and two complete copies of form MMS-123, Application for a Permit to Drill (APD), and form MMS-123S, Supplemental APD Information Sheet; and
- (2) A separate public information copy of forms MMS-123 and MMS-123S that meets the requirements of § 250.127.

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§ 250.411 What information must I submit with my application?

In addition to forms MMS-123 and MMS-123S, you must include the information described in the following table.

Information that you must include with an APD	Where to find a description
(a) Plat that shows locations of the proposed well.	§ 250.412
(b) Design criteria used for the proposed well.	§ 250.413
(c) Drilling prognosis	§ 250.414
(d) Casing and cementing programs	§ 250.415
(e) Diverter and BOP systems descriptions ..	§ 250.416
(f) Requirements for using an MODU	§ 250.417
(g) Additional information	§ 250.418

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§ 250.412 What requirements must the location plat meet?

The location plat must:

- (a) Have a scale of 1:24,000 (1 inch = 2,000 feet);
- (b) Show the surface and subsurface locations of the proposed well and all the wells in the vicinity;
- (c) Show the surface and subsurface locations of the proposed well in feet or meters from the block line;
- (d) Contain the longitude and latitude coordinates, and either Universal Transverse Mercator grid-system coordinates or state plane coordinates in the Lambert or Transverse Mercator Projection system for the surface and subsurface locations of the proposed well; and
- (e) State the units and geodetic datum (including whether the datum is North American Datum 27 or 83) for these coordinates. If the datum was converted, you must state the method used for this conversion, since the various methods may produce different values.

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§ 250.413 What must my description of well drilling design criteria address?

Your description of well drilling design criteria must address:

- (a) Pore pressures;
- (b) Formation fracture gradients, adjusted for water depth;
- (c) Potential lost circulation zones;
- (d) Drilling fluid weights;
- (e) Casing setting depths;
- (f) Maximum anticipated surface pressures. For this section, maximum anticipated surface pressures are the pressures that you reasonably expect to be exerted upon a casing string and